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LETTER DATED 27 DECEMBER 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALI TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement by the Government of the Republic of Mali dated 25 December 1999 concerning the military coup d'état that occurred in the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire on 24 December 1999 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Moctar OUANE
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement by the Government of Mali

The Government of the Republic of Mali strongly condemns the military coup d'état that occurred in the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire on Friday, 24 December 1999.

Reaffirming its opposition to the taking of power by force, which is a break with the democratic process and republican legality, the Government of Mali calls upon those who carried out the coup d'état to return to constitutional legality.

In view of the major crisis which that fraternal country is undergoing, the people and Government of Mali reiterate their strong solidarity with the fraternal people of Côte d'Ivoire and express their determination to support all efforts aimed at establishing, in peace and dialogue, the conditions of republican and democratic legality, to which the Ivorian people and all our peoples aspire.

Bamako, 25 December 1999